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1. Under the Tekeze Farmer's Cooperative system, a member of a cooperative is allowed to retain five deceres of land on which wheat or corn must be grown, one cow, five sheep, five lambs, two pigs and about twenty hens.

2. From the produce of his five decures, a farmer must hand in to the state: ~~one~~

75 kilos of wheat  
35 kilos of corn  
180 kilos of cow's milk  
32 kilos of sheep's milk  
1 kilo of sheep's wool  
30 kilos of lamb  
60 kilos of beef  
48 kilos of pork  
10,000 leva in cash.

The rent on five decares of land is 2.500 leva a year.

3. Laborers are paid 275 leva a day by the government, but private farmers must pay them 1,000 leva per day.

4. To see that each farmer hands in the correct amount of his produce to the government, there is one controller for every ten households.

5. The cooperative system in northwestern Bulgaria is not popular, and in the Shula district, a number of farmers have left the cooperative. On many privately-owned farms no work has been done at all because the farmers fear they will be forced to join a cooperative, and therefore refuse to exert themselves in the meantime.

6. There is no grain stockpiling in Bulgaria, and storage of grain is kept down to the bare minimum necessary for the feeding of the army and the townspeople. The majority of the grain is exported to the Soviet Union, and this fact has given rise to the saying that all local produce is exported to the USSR and in return only technicians are imported since there are no articles of Soviet manufacture in the shops.

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7. On 25 March 1951, 250 women from Golemanovo, Boinitsa, Gramada and other villages in the Kula area revolted against the system. They marched to the cooperative stables, released all the cattle and set fire to the stables. The militia, in an attempt to stop them, opened fire and a number of women were killed and wounded. The revolt was finally quelled by the army. A government representative who visited the area two days later to try and appease the population was met by hostile citizens who demanded the return of their flour.
8. In April 1951, a doctor from Shipkovo near Troyan was fined thirty thousand leva and given a term of imprisonment in Kula for having said that the high percentage of sickness in the area was due to undernourishment.
9. Black Market prices in northwestern Bulgaria are:
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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bread                            | 200 leva per kilo                     |
| Milk                             | 50 leva per kilo                      |
| Eggs each                        | 30 leva per kilo                      |
| Meat                             | 150 to 200 leva per kilo              |
| Butter                           | 750 to 800 leva per kilo              |
| Lard                             | 1,000 leva per kilo                   |
| Sausages                         | 780 to 800 leva per kilo              |
| Cheese                           | 500 leva per kilo                     |
| Sugar                            | 600 leva per kilo                     |
| Rice (but not readily available) | 750 leva per kilo                     |
| Chicken                          | 300 to 500 leva per kilo              |
| Beans                            | 150 leva per kilo                     |
| Flour                            | 180 to 200 leva per kilo              |
| Working suit                     | 4,800 leva                            |
| Shirt                            | 2,000 to 3,000 leva                   |
| Shoes                            | 10 to 15,000 leva a pair              |
| Socks                            | 400 leva a pair                       |
| Coat and pants                   | 900 leva                              |
| Caps                             | 800 to 1,000 leva                     |
| Fur cap                          | 2,000 leva                            |
| Ladies Stockings                 | 1,000 to 2,000 leva a pair            |
| Overcoat                         | 25,000 leva; with coupon 16,000 leva. |
- Handkerchiefs and wrist watches have not been on the market for a long time.
10. When buying new clothes, one kilogram of rags must be handed in before a purchase can be made; and a new copper pot can be bought only in exchange for an old one.
11. There is a general shortage of pharmaceuticals in Bulgaria.

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